

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ABULHAJ and CELIKOGLU

Serial Number: To Be Assigned

Filed: Concurrently

For: LANCET NEEDLE ANCHOR

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)

The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), it is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office make this application special in view of the fact that the second named inventor, Erol Celikoglu, is 70 years of age, per the attached applicant's declaration.

No fee is required to accompany this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICANT'S DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)

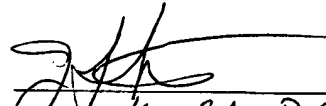
I, Erol Celikoglu, residing at 20185 E. Country Club Drive, Apt. 2401, Aventura, Florida 33180, United States of America, declare that I am seventy (70) years old; my date of birth being March 30, 1933.

I further declare that I have been warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting patent; and that this statement made of my own knowledge is true.

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COMMUNICATON

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Sir:

This Communication accompanies the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application which is a Divisional of application Serial No. 10/408,285 filed on April 9, 2003 and currently pending, which is a Divisional of application Serial No. 10/223,141 filed on August 19, 2002 and which matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,589,261 on July 8, 2003. A copy of application Serial No. 10/223,141, as filed, accompanies this Communication.

In application Serial No. 10/223,141, a Petition to Make the application Special on account of the age of co-inventor, CELIKOGLU, was granted in the DECISION ON PETITION dated November 6, 2002. It is respectfully requested that the same special status be accorded this application. For this purpose, please find enclosed herewith a Petition to Make Special accompanied by a Declaration of co-inventor, CELIKOGLU.

In application Serial Nos. 10/223,141 and 10/408,285, Revocations of Power of Attorney and New Powers of Attorney were filed (copies attached) and Notices of Acceptance of Power of Attorney were mailed on July 2, 2003 and July 7, 2003, respectively (copies attached). The same Power of Attorney applies in this case and all correspondence should be directed to the undersigned whether by mail or telephone as set forth therein.

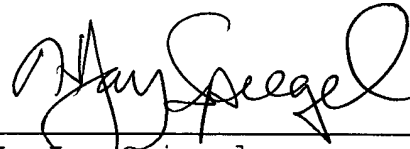
A Preliminary Amendment is presented herewith canceling Claims 1-6 from the parent application as originally filed and adding new Claims 8-17.

An early Office Action on the merits of Claims 8-17 is respectfully solicited.

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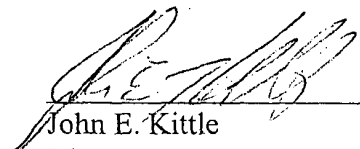
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Filed: August 19, 2002	:	
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This is in response to applicants' petition filed August 19, 2002 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the age of the applicant.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact John Kittle by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.

  
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